Fr. Edward J. Donovan Memorial Scholarship

(For farmworkers Household only)

The Father Edward Donovan Memorial Scholarship is an arm of the JFM College Scholarship Fund. This scholarship awards one undergraduate student a $2,000 scholarship and an opportunity to undertake a paid summer internship with CVHC. Award selection is based on the student's demonstrated leadership qualities and commitment to community service. Past recipients are not eligible.

A Complete Fr. Edward Donovan Memorial Scholarship Application Must Include:

- ☐ CERTIFICATION - Letter of Verification certifying your community service from the organization/agency with which you volunteer (40 or more volunteer community service hours in the last 12 months)
- ☐ Maintain a 3.00 GPA or better
- ☐ VI. ESSAY - Your personal statement essay
- ☐ VII. ESSAY - Your personal statement essay for the CVHC impact
- ☐ VIII. ESSAY - Your personal statement essay response for the Father Edward Donovan Scholarship Opportunity;
- ☐ TRANSCRIPT - A copy of your unofficial high school -or- college/university transcript; first-year college students, please include a copy of your Letter of Acceptance;
- ☐ UTILITY BILL - Copy of utility bill with CVHC address (water or electric bill).

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2026-2027 Fr. Edward J. Donovan Memorial Scholarship Application For Exceptional Community Service (For Farmworkers Household Only)

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY.

Full Name (First, Middle, Last):

Date of Birth: | Home Phone: | Cell Phone:

SSN or TIN #:

Email Address:

Past Scholarship Recipient? ☐ Yes ☐ No

II. HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

BELOW, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CVHC HOUSE OR APARTMENT ADDRESS (NOT YOUR UNIVERSITY ADDRESS)

1. ☐ **MUTUAL SELF-HELP PARTICIPANT** 2. ☐ **MULTIFAMILY RESIDENT**

Permanent Home Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Name(s) of Your Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

III. COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Fall 2026 Enrolling In: (check one) **Eligible to Receive Only Once**

☐ 2-Year Community College ☐ 4-Year University ☐ Vocational/Technical School

Institution Name:

Institution City and State:

Major / Field of Study: | Cumulative GPA:

Minor: | Anticipated Year of Graduation:

Enrollment Status:
(You will be asked to provide evidence of full-time enrollment in 12 or more units for the Fall 2026 term.)

☐ Full-Time (12 Units)

Class Level in Fall 2026:
☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore
☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Extracurricular Activities and Awards: (please list below)

Employment: (please list below)

IV. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

THIS DATA HELPS OUR FUNDERS UNDERSTAND THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE STUDENTS WE SERVE THROUGH THIS PROGRAM.

Ethnicity: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Are you the first to attend college in your family? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a farmworker? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are your parents farmworkers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

V. HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED

TO BE COMPLETED BY FIRST-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY.

Name of High School:

High School City and State:

GPA (weighted): Class Rank: Year of Graduation:

Extracurricular Activities and Awards: (please list below)	Please list College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams with scores of 3, 4 or 5 and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams with scores of 5 or higher.

VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT

ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

ESSAY

Your personal statement should be between 750 and 900 words. Please type your response on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the application. ALL work must be typed in Times New Roman, size 12, double spaced and with 1" margins on four sides of the white paper. Your personal statement should be an autobiographical essay that addresses the following questions:

1. What are your academic or professional goals? Provide an example of how obtaining your degree would help you achieve these goals.
2. Discuss any experiences, obstacles, or hardships that motivate you to seek an education.
3. Who has been your biggest influence and/or inspiration?

VII. CVHC IMPACT

IMPROVING PEOPLE'S LIVING CONDITIONS IS AT THE HEART OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY HOUSING COALITION'S WORK AND MISSION. ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

ESSAY

In 500 words, please tell us how living in an affordable home or apartment has impacted you or your family. Did you feel that this was "home" to you?

If awarded, do you feel it is important to contribute to this scholarship program when you start your professional career. Why and why not?

Please be sure to mention "Coachella Valley Housing Coalition" (CVHC) in your essay response. Please type your response on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the application. ALL work must be typed in Times New Roman, size 12, double spaced and with 1" margins on four sides of the white paper.

VIII. FATHER EDWARD J. DONOVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please read the guidelines for this scholarship opportunity prior to completing this section.

List the number of hours of volunteer community service work completed in the last 12 months:

Name the work site where you performed your community service work:

Work Site Address:

Name of Work Site Contact Person & Telephone:

Are you able to participate in a paid summer internship at CVHC? ☐ Yes ☐ No (not required or guaranteed)
Minimum of 4 weeks consecutive

Are you or your parents farmworkers? Yes No

ESSAY

Your essay should be between 750 and 900 words. Please type your response on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the application. Please type your response on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the application. ALL work must be typed in Times New Roman, size 12, double spaced and with 1" margins on

1. CVHC is an organization whose mission is to serve the community by improving the living conditions of individuals and families; what contributions have you made in your community and what inspired you to serve?

2. Describe how your community service has developed your leadership skills both in and out of school.

3. Discuss the challenges and/or rewards you have experienced as a result of serving your community.

SUBMIT COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS TO:

IX. CERTIFICATION

TO BE SIGNED BY ALL APPLICANTS

RELEASE OF SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION TO AUTHORIZED PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS

I fully understand that CVHC MUST receive my application by **4:00 PM, April 30, 2026**. I also understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, it will be paid to me in two (2) installments upon receipt of proof of full time enrollment and payment at an accredited university, community college, or trade school. Additional documents may also be required. I further authorize the release of the above information, any personal quotes from the application, and any future correspondence. By signing this release, I understand this permission signifies that photographic or video recordings of me may be electronically displayed via the Internet, film and other media. I will not be consulted about the use of photographs or video recording for any educational or promotional purpose. By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the above release and agree to be bound thereby. I hereby release any and all claims against any person or organization utilizing this material for educational purposes.

Student Signature: Date:

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age): Date:

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